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3V, TUNISIA AND 5A, LIBYA. Ed, NT2X, has spoken to Romeo, 3W3RR/AH0M, and has passed on the following information: Romeo has attended an amateur radio conference in Spain, and another in Austria, and has also been active from Slovakia as OK8ERR. He has reported that the 5A license has been all taken care of. The antennas are ready and he is awaiting for a few more pieces of equipment before commencing the operation. The operation may take place some time within the first week of June. No call sign has been mentioned.

As far as Tunisia is concerned: The DXpedition has been postponed until August (to allow for better preparation). This operation has become a multi-national undertaking with a total of 16 operators from the USA, Japan, Spain, Italy, Bulgaria, Russia, Ukraine and possibly one or two more countries. The operation plans are to be active for 10 days, 3 operating positions, all bands/modes (including RTTY), 2 meters, 6 meters, etc. and the uses of yagi antennas.

9D, IRAN. Nagib, PY2CWW, will be in Iran for the next two years signing 9D2CW. He has been active on the 21335 DX Net starting around 1330z and was also heard on CW, 21023 kHz around 1045z. It was mentioned that the 9D2 prefixes are issued to no Iranian nationals and EP will be used for citizens only.

9E, ERITREA. On May 24th, Eritrea finally declared itself "the world's newest nation", two years after winning a 30 year war of independence. Eritrea was deleted as a separate DXCC country November 14, 1962 after it had been annexed by Ethiopia as its 14th province, but is now under consideration to be reinstated by the DXAC.

On the heel of this declaration, Erling, LA6VM, announced that a Norwegian DXpedition to Asmara will take place May 31st thru June 9th. The DXpedition is organized by "Ham Forum" (LA5X). The DXpedition's team consists of: Erling/LA6VM (team leader), Just/LA9DL, Halvard/LA7XK/KK6ZS, Einar/LA1EE and Jin/JF1IST.

The DXpedition team will conduct amateur radio seminars and help in setting up a club station with on-the-air operations. Engineers, technicians and students selected by the Telecommunications Authority of Eritrea will attend. HF Operations will include SSB and CW, with participation of resident operators as part of the seminar. Callsign and frequencies will be announced later, from site. The three complete stations will include the uses of the equipment that was used during the Bouvet Island DXpedition, as well as a new tri-bander donated by

INDEXA. Other contributors include the ARRL, Oklahoma Comm Center, NCDXF, as well as funding by Japanese hams and the team members. QSL manager for this special event will be LA6ZH Ruth Tollefsen, P.O.B 17, N-0617 Oslo, Norway.

9M0S, SPRATLY ISLANDS. Thanks to the Royal Air Force of Malaysia, this operation came up on the air as planned on May 27th and will continue until about June 2. QSL via W4FRU.

CO, CUBA. For the VHF ops out there, Arnie, C02KK reports his Havanna VHF club will be running a multiop effort in the June VHF QSO Party June 12-14. They will be active on 6, 2, & 70cm from a hilltop location on the north coast of Cuba. They've applied for special prefixes, including possibly C00, which has never before been used. Arnie asks for operators in the southeast U.S. to point their beams south and look for the group. SPECIAL NOTE: There may be an outside chance of using 1.2 GHz, if a rig gets successfully built by then.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND (ITS OFFICIAL). The Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club (W6BHZ) officially announced that their KH9 DXpedition/Research will begin August 31 and go until September 10, 1993. Five of the six team members will assemble in San Francisco August 29. They will then fly out to Honolulu the morning of August 30. The MAC flight from Hickam AFB departs August 31, 1993 in the early morning and they expect to arrive on Wake Island in the early afternoon and be on the air shortly.

Four of the team members are university students at CAL POLY SLO. All team members have DXpedition/Contesting experience from various parts of the world. The teams are: Javier/AH6MM (TEAM LEADER/PROJECT DIRECTOR) Christopher/AB6EV, Kirk/AH6ML, Craig/KC6CEX, Craig/AH9B and Patrick/NH6UY. Activity will be on all bands (160-6 meters), including the WARC bands ("HEAVY EMPHASIS"), OSCAR Satellites (2 meter and 70 cm) and normal DX frequencies. The DXpedition's callsigns will be announced later, but QSLs for all contacts will be handled by OKDXA: Oklahoma DX Association, P.O. Box 88, Wellston, OK 74881. This is a student funded project, but contributions can be send to: Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club W6BHZ - (805) 756-2737, c/o KH9 DXpedition, University Union Box 53, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407. (For more details refer to OPDX.112).

LX, LUXEMBOURG. Wolf, DL3ZBJ, will be active as LX/DL3ZBJ/P during the Region 1 Field Day, June 5-6. Activity will be mainly CW. All incoming QSL cards will be answered via the bureau 100%.

SV5/N6MZ, KOS ISLAND. Mike, N6MZ, will be sailing the Aegean Sea next month and he was invited to visit Panos, SV5QR's, QTH which is on the island of Kos, about 150km northwest of Rhodes, and 5 km off the Turkish coast. Unfortunately, Mike's time will be very limited, but he plans to give out new contacts on OSCAR 13. Possible operating days are June 19 and 20, also July 4. QSL to N6MZ. More info will follow as details are worked out.

VK9M, MELLISH REEF. The international team for the 1993 Mellish Reef DXpedition have announced the confirmed dates for this major operation. The 10 days of operation will between September 19-28.

AH1A CARDS. The 10 operators of this DXpedition have agree on the design for their QSL card. Apple Computer of Europe will be printing the cards in Belgium. John, K1ER, estimates the cards will be in the mail by September 1993. Please be patient and do not re-QSL.

NEW RUSSIA QSL BUREAU. It has been reported that there is a new bureau for Russian cards. Its is being run by the Moscow Club. The address is: UA Bureau, P.O. Box 59, 105122 Moscow, Russian Republic.

MORE ON THE NEW CIS CALL SIGN PREFIXES. John, K1ER, was told by Valentine, UI8ZAA, that the new CIS call signs will start in 1994. He also mentioned the new call sign for Uzbekistan will be UK (currently UI8). Looks like the article in "Patriot" may have had a problem with the translation and may have put the Uzbekistan block of UJ to UM with the Ukraine block. It was also announced in Germany that the ITU allocated 4JA-4JZ and 4KA-4KZ to Azerbaijan. Russia is presently using the 4K prefixes for their Antarctica and Arctic Islands. (ed. Hopefully this will all be straighten out by 1994.)

PREFIX CHANGE. QRZ DX mentioned last week that the ITU has requested the government of Yemen to relinquish either 4W or 70. The government has relinquished 70, so Yemen is now 4W.

Also, the ARRL's Bulletin DX mentions that the latest release of the International Radio call sign blocks list by ITU shows Macedonia (former Yugoslav Republic) being assigned Z3A-Z3Z. No word has been received with regard to when the Z3 call signs go into effect.

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